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SUBJ: UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNICATIONS
POLICIES IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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1. USING POINTS CONTAINED REFTTEL, EMBOFF MET WITH FOREIGN
AFFAIRS DEPUTY DIRECTOR LUCIEN HENAR JULY 2 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT
CONFERENCE. HENAR SAID THERE IS POSSIBILITY SURINAM, WHICH
DOES NOT YET BELONG TO UNESCO, MAY ATTEND CONFERENCE AS AN
OBSERVER IF INVITATION (REPORTEDLY ISSUED MAY 23 AND FORWARDED
THROUGH SURINAM'S AMBASSADOR IN THE HAGUE BUT STILL NOT
RECEIVED IN PARAMARIBO) ARRIVES. HENAR ANTICIPATED MINISTRIES OF
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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS WOULD BE CONSULTED ON DESIRABILITY OF

GOS PARTICIPATION, SINCE THERE IS NO SINGLE MINISTRY CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, BUT HE PERSONALLY FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR SURINAM TO ATTEND.

2. EMBOFF STRESSED US HOPE THAT CONFERENCE WOULD FOCUS ON EXPANSION OF COMMUNICATIONS CAPABILITIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND NOT CONTRIBUTE TO TREND TOWARD INCREASING GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF MEDIA. HENAR NOTED THAT SURINAM ALSO BELIEVES IN THE RIGHT OF FREE COMMUNICATION, WHICH IS CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED, AND HE EXPECTED SURINAM WOULD SUPPORT U.S. POSITION TO THE EXTENT WHICH IT MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN THE SAN JOSE CONFERENCE. HENAR SAID HE WOULD INFORM US OF THE COMPOSITION OF ANY DELEGATION WHICH SURINAM MIGHT SEND. ZURHELLEN UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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